

PUBLIC NOTICE: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have scheduled two public meetings to receive comments on the proposed North Delta Improvements Project (NDIP). The CalFed Bay-Delta Program project would implement flood control improvements in the northern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, principally on and around Staten Island, Dead Horse Island, and McCormack Williamson Tract, in a manner that would benefit aquatic and terrestrial habitats and alleviate flood-related problems in the North Delta area.

Meetings are scheduled for 6:00-8:00 PM, Feb. 19, at the Jean Harvie Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, Calif., and 1:30-4:00 PM, Feb. 20 at the Bonderson Hearing Room, 901 P St., Sacramento, Calif. All parties interested in this study are encouraged to attend. If special assistance is required, please contact Gwen Knittweis (see contact information below) as far in advance of the workshops as possible to enable DWR to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Corps and DWR, respectively, are initiating the NDIP Feasibility Study for a portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and plan to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed NDIP. Development of the Feasibility Report will be closely coordinated with development of the draft EIS/EIR, which will document existing conditions, project actions, and project effects. Responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA may include: California Department of Fish and Game; The Reclamation Board of the State of California; State Lands Commission; California Regional Water Quality Control Boards; State Water Resources Control Board; California Department of Transportation; California Department of Conservation; and California Department of Boating and Waterways.

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